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None


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None

The above-mentioned references relate in general to a pick and place robotic material handling unit for picking packages from a conveyor and dropping or placing the packages on a pallet.

A Form PTO-1449 is enclosed herewith. It is requested that each of the references be fully considered and made of record in this case.

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